

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11 and 13 are pending. Claims 1, 6 and 11, which are independent, are amended to conform with the Examiner's observation. The Examiner is thanked for his comments set out in section 2 of the Office Action under reply.

Support for the present amendment is provided in Fig. 2 of the drawings and at page 9, line 19 to page 10, line 16, for example, of the specification. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Claims 4, 9, 12 and 14-21 were previously canceled.


Claims 1, 6 and 11 have been amended, thereby obviating the rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Since this is the only rejection set out in the Office Action under reply, and since the present amendment overcomes this rejection, it is respectfully submitted the present application now is in condition for allowance.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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